

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re of Application of: O'TOOLE MARGOT M. ET AL.
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AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

This paper is submitted in response to the Office Action mailed on April 23, 2007. A three-month extension of time, up to and including October 23, 2007, accompanies this response. Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 4 of this paper.

An **Article by Furukawa and Yoshimasu** is included as Exhibit A.

A **Declaration under 37 C.F.R. § 1.132** is attached to this response.